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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Blue, Jeffrey T.	
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For:	DETECTION OF VIRAL STABILITY	

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Examiner: Le, Emily M.

Commission for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Appeals from the office action dated November 17, 2004 rejecting claims 1-8 and 18-19. A Notice of Appeal and authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 13-2755 was previously mailed October 5, 2004 in response to an office action dated July 7, 2004. The current office action, dated November 17, 2004, vacated the office action date July 7, 2004 and provided a final rejection.

No additional fee is believed due based on the prior payment of the Notice of Appeal fee. However, if any fees are due, please charge Deposit Account No. 13-2755 for the appropriate amount.

Respectfully submitted,

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